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The Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 3, 2001, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 60, 71, 75 and 76.

Please amend claims 59, 62, 72 and 73 as follows:

59. (Amended) A multimeric hybrid gene encoding a chimeric protein including a protein from parainfluenza virus (PIV) and a protein from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a PIV-3 HN protein or a fragment thereof having hemagglutinin-neuraminidase activity linked to a nucleotide sequence coding for a RSV F protein or a fragment thereof having fusion activity.

62. (Amended) The hybrid gene of claim 61 in the form of a plasmid which is pD2 RF-HN (ATCC 75388).

72. (Amended) The process of claim 70 wherein said multimeric hybrid gene is contained in an expression vector which is pD2 RF-HN (ATCC 75388).

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